Reply of Government.—It appears undesirable to commence English in classes lower than the third. The suggestions will however be considered.

SUBJECT No. 248.

Teaching English along with Kannada in village elementary schools.

Mr. Ugregowda, Sira Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It has been repeatedly urged that English might be taught along with the Vernacular language in all village elementary schools. Early orders may be passed in the matter.

Reply of Government.—Not possible.

SUBJECT No. 249.

Curricula of studies in Anglo-Vernacular Schools.

(*a*) Messrs. Ramappa and Rangappa, Srinivaspur Taluk; S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Nagar Sabha; H. Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk; Narahariah and Channalingappa, Nelamangala Taluk S. Dasappa and Subbanna, Bangalore District Board.

(*b*) Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao Nagar Sabha; Hanumantha Rao, Devanhalli Taluk and A. Narasimiengar, Sagar Taluk.

(*c*) Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) English is now made compulsory for students reading in the III class and above, and fees have been enhanced in consequence. This is a great hardship to persons who cannot afford to pay the higher fees and who are therefore obliged to withdraw their children from school, thus depriving them of even the chance of going up to the Lower Secondary Examination in the Vernacular. The study of English may therefore be made optional and the rules modified so as to admit of boys reading in Kannada alone up to the Lower Secondary Standard if they should wish to do so and that the scale of fees may be reduced accordingly.

(*b*) Kannada Lower Secondary classes may be re-established in all Anglo-Vernacular Schools.

(*c*) In district headquarters, the English classes in the Anglo-Vernacular Schools may be removed to the High Schools and purely Kannada schools up to the Lower Secondary standard maintained as before.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 250.

Anglo-Hindustani schools.

Mr. Mahommed Abbas Khan Sahib, the Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—In view of the backward condition of Mahomadans in English education as observed by the Inspector-General of Education in the Annual Report of Public Instruction for the year 1906-07 and as represented by the Community in the Representative Assembly year after year, from 1907 to 1909 (*vide* Subjects Nos. 160, 191 and 230 of 1907, 1908 and 1909, respectively) the Central Mahomadan Association most respectfully urges the immediate necessity—

(*a*) of raising the five Anglo-Hindustani schools at Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur, Chitaldrug and Channapatna to the Lower Secondary Standard by adding to the present staff a second teacher for English, and